



**First Church of Christ in Mansfield  
(Congregational) United Church of Christ**

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All the Members, Ministers

Rev. Joseph Blotz, Pastor + Erik Haeger, Organist

**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME + AUGUST 1, 2021**

**Welcome to Our Guests!**

*We're delighted you have joined us for worship; the members are the ministers of this church...  
if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us!*

**Playing the Chimes and Prelude**

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Opening Hymn**

**Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

**CH422**

Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
5 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,  
bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured; Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
9 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Em-man - u - el) ev - ery - where!  
Je - sus lives a - gain; earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

**Call to Healing and Opening Prayer**

Let us pray.

**God of hope, when your hungry people longed for the slave food of Egypt, you opened the doors of heaven and rained down manna. Feed us with the bread of life at your table, that we may taste the freedom of eternal life and lead lives worthy of our calling, through Christ our head. Amen.**

**Gloria Patri**

Henry W. Greatorex

7 Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, the Christ, the Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three - in - One; as it  
was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 78:23-29

You rained manna to eat  
and gave the bread of angels for food.

**Gospel**

Mark 6:24-35

**Reflection**

**The Rev. Joseph Blotz**

**Call to Prayer**

Hear Us O Lord

Don Beisig and Nancy Price

Hear us, O Lord, as we come now in prayer, shar - ing our joys, our trou-bles, and our cares.

Help us, O Lord, to be o - pen to your word, and teach us to put our trust in you.

**Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus**

*Please pray the Prayer of Jesus in whatever language is most comfortable for you.  
The following are offered as examples...*

**Our Father/Mother/Creator,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts/sins/trespases,  
as we forgive our debtors/those who sin/trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Musical Offering**

**Will the Circle Be Unbroken**

A. Habershon & C. Gabriel

*Offerings may be placed in the collection boxes at the entrances to our worship space,  
mailed to: First Church of Christ in Mansfield UCC. Box 36. Mansfield Center, CT 06250,  
or given online at [www.myfcc.info](http://www.myfcc.info)*

**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea - tures here be low; Praise

God for all that love has done: Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spi - rit, One. A - men!

## Prayer of Dedication

Let us pray.

**Spirit of Truth, you remind us that in togetherness our needs are met. Where solidarity has been confused with the ways of greed, forgive us. We dedicate this offering to the work of your already here and yet-to-come kin-dom. Amen.**

## Hymn

### All Who Hunger

CH419

All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly - ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers-, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er; Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.

5  
Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ing. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
Come from reck-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

9  
You that year for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

13  
Tast and see the grace e-ter-nal-. Taste and see that God is good!

## Fed for the Journey

### The Great Thanksgiving

*All are welcome to Jesus' Welcome Table.*

*We share Communion with gluten free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice.*

## Musical Response

### Santo Santo Santo

Traditional

San-to, san-to, san-to. Mi co-ra-zon te a-do-ra! Mi  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly. My heart, my heart a-dores you! My

5  
co-ra-zon te sa-be de-cir: San-to eres, Se-nor!  
heart knows how to say to you: you are ho-ly Lord!

## Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, August 21st is the 30th Anniversary **Steeple Chase Ride/Walk!** The Steeple Chase Bike Tour is a charity fund-raiser for three area non-profit organizations: Windham Area Interfaith Ministry, Perception Programs and the Windham Region No Freeze Project. The Bike Tour features cycling and walking routes through scenic Northeastern Connecticut's Quiet Corner. Your help is needed to raise money to meet the increased needs of the clients served. Every dollar raised help each agency carry out its critical missions of supporting and assisting those most in need in our community. For more information go to [www.steeplechasebiketour.org](http://www.steeplechasebiketour.org) or register at [bikereg.com](http://bikereg.com)

The **No Freeze Shelter** needs sunscreen, insect repellent and camping supplies in these warm months when many without homes are camping.

### First Church Giving Opportunities

#### **1st Sunday of the Month- Supportive Friends Sunday**

First Church Deacon's fund/The Community Meal program/"Love Offerings" honoring our friends and family

#### **2nd Sunday of the Month- Sheltering Sunday**

Holy Family Shelter & the No-Freeze Shelter/Our First Church Building fund

#### **3rd Sunday of the Month- Sustenance Sunday**

The Soup Kitchen/Our First Church Blessing Box/Tuna Church for Access Agency

#### **4th Sunday of the Month- School & Service Sunday:**

Items for Church World Service School Kits and Hygiene Kits

## CALENDAR

- Sunday, August 1**            10:15am Worship with Holy Communion on the Lawn
- Wednesday, August 4**    10:30am **Book Group on the lawn**
- Sunday, August 8**            10:15am Worship on the Lawn